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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S MEETING WITH
TURKISH AMBASSADOR ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN
FEB 2 TO COMPLAIN THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL REPORTED
OUT BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WAS A STEP
BACKWARD BECAUSE OF CONTINUING RESTRICTIONS ON MAP AND
FMS CREDIT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON ALL FMS SALES.
ESENBEL REMINDED HARTMAN THAT DEMIREL HAD SAID THAT THE
TURKISH PEOPLE WOULD NEVER ACCEPT SIGNING OF A NEW DEFENSE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT UNTIL THE EMBARGO WAS TOTALLY LIFTED.
THE TURKS HAD IMPRESSION THE ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT BEEN
TRYING VERY HARD THIS TIME TO INFLUENCE CONGRESS. ESENBEL
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ALSO NOTED THAT ANKARA HAD REGARDED THE DRAFT BILL'S PROHIBITION AGAINST INCREASES IN TURKISH CIVILIAN POPULATION IN CYPRUS AS A NEW AND UNWELCOME ELEMENT OF PRESSURE ON THE TURKS.

2. HARTMAN OBSERVED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE THE FY 76 MILITARY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND THAT THESE EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS WOULD CONTINUE. AUTHORIZATION BY SENATE COMMITTEE BILL OF FMS CASH SALES WAS AN IMPORTANT FORWARD STEP. HE NOTED THAT WE INTEND

TO USE THE NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS THE VEHICLE BY WHICH WE WOULD APPROACH CONGRESS ON MAP AND FMS CREDIT FOR TURKEY. HOWEVER, AS THE SECRETARY TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL IN BRUSSELS, PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF MAP AND FMS CREDIT FOR TURKEY ARE NOT GOOD WITHOUT VISIBLE PROGRESS ON CYPRUS.

3. ESENBEL CITED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND DENKTASH'S COMMITMENT TO GO TO VIENNA IN MID-FEBRUARY AS SIGNIFICANT STEPS. POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT VIENNA. IF GREEKS MADE TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL, DENKTASH WOULD ACCEPT IT FOR STUDY. DENKTASH WAS WILLING TO RETURN TO VIENNA AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO REVIEW WORK OF SUBCOMMITTEES WHICH WOULD BE SET UP AT FIRST MEETING. ON COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS, AGREEMENT WOULD BE FINALIZED IN A MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. INGERSOLL

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